Over staffing in Central Public Sector Undertakings

1572. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Central Public Sector Undertakings including the STC, have been suffering from ballooning workers' force;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of over staffing in each of them as on June 30, 1990; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken to rid them of the problem without resorting to retrenchment and causing hardship and injustice to the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) As per the information collected by the Government some time back, 31 public sector enterprises had reported that 50,287 employees were surplus to their requirements, 86 public sector enterprises had no surplus and the remaining 92 public sector enterprises had not yet identified surplus staff.

(c) Government has formulated a Voluntary Retirement Scheme for implementation by Public Sector Enterprises with the objective of reducing surplus manpower.

Threat of strike by Employees of public sector undertakings

1573. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees of public sector undertakings all over the country had threatened to go on a two day strike on 11th and 12th July, 1990, to press their demand for DA on Central Government pattern;

(b) if so, whether Government had received due notice for the strike from the coordination Committee of Officers Association of Central Public Sector Undertakings;

(c) if so, the details of the demand made by them and what steps were taken by Government to avert the strike and to resolve the issues involved; and

(d) whether Government had also received any representation from them earlier on the subject; if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) to (d) Government had received notice of strike on 11th and 12th July, 1990 from Executives of the Public Sector mainly to press their demand for DA on Central Government Banking Sector pattern. An appeal was made by the Government on 3rd July, 1990 to the Executives to desist from going on strike as the industrial dearness allowance formula was already under consideration of the Tripartite DA Committee and any decision taken by Government on the recommendations of this Committee would equally apply to the executives. These issues had also been raised earlier when it was explained to the executives that DA formula is to be viewed as part of total emoluments consisting of pay, DA and perquisites and not any component thereof in isolation.

Schemes for clearing and for preventing Pollution of Narmada River Waters

1574. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the schemes drawn out for cleansing and for preventing pollution of the Narmada river waters;